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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J. Ley and Sean Skubitz
Application No.:	10/817508
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For:	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
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Docket No.: S63.2N-6769-US06

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated **July 8, 2008**.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: